GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4297
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
STD FACILITY
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of demands for providing STD facilities in the rural areas are pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide STD facility in the said areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No sir, out of total 24828 exchanges in the rural areas in the country, only about 10.30% exchanges are without STD facility.

(b) The state-wise details of provision of STD facility to exchanges in rural areas as on 31.3.2001 is given in Annexure-I.

(c) All the remaining exchanges in the rural areas are planned to be provided with STD facility by March, 2002 in a phased manner, subject to availability of resources.

ANNEXURE-I
STATUS OF PROVISION OF STD TO EXCHANGES IN RURAL AREAS AS ON 31.3.2001

SL. NO.	CIRCLE	TOTAL NO OF RURAL EXCHANGES	RURAL EXCHANGES WITH STD FACILITY	RURAL EXCHANGES TO BE PROVIDED WITH STD FACILITY
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	2333	2333	0
2	ASSAM	352	352	0
3	BIHAR	762	762	0
4	JARKHAND	243	239	4
5	GUJARAT	2119	2103	16
6	HARYANA	745	494	251
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	707	687	20
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	149	112	37
9	KARNATAKA	2048	2048	0
10	KERALA	748	748	0
11	MADHYA PRADESH	2229	1903	326
12	CHATISGARH	413	247	166
13	MAHARASHTRA	3834	2961	873
14	GOA	57	57	0
15	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	84	56	28
16	MANIPUR	22	18	4
17	MEGHALAYA	61	53	8
18	MIZORAM	40	18	22
19	NAGALAND	37	24	13
20	TRIPURA	50	44	6
21	ORRISA	823	794	29
22	PUNJAB	1043	1002	41
23	RAJASTHAN	1762	1417	345
24	TAMIL NADU	803	803	0
25	UTTAR PRADESH	2067	1868	199
26	UTTRANCHAL	314	239	75
27	WEST BENGAL	918	824	94
28	SIKKIM	30	29	1
29	DELHI (UT)	0	0	0
30	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR (UT)	35	35	0
	TOTAL	24828	22270	2558